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1. DEPT OF STATE HAS SENT MESSAGE TO CONSULATE AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF VISAS TO AMELASH FAMILY, BUT HAS APPARENTLY ATTACHED A PROVISO - SO LONG AS CONSULAR OFFICER SATISFIED THAT THEY ARE BONA FIDE VISITORS AND NOT IMMIGRANTS.

2. OFFICER WHO DEBRIEFED AMLASH-1 IN MADRID ON 11 JANUARY IS EXPERIENCED AND SAVVY PROFESSIONAL. HE HAS BEEN INTERVIEWING REFUGEES FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND HAS CONSISTENTLY PROVIDED ACCURATE ASSESSMENTS OF REFUGEE INTENTIONS AND MOTIVATIONS. AMLASH-1 TOLD THE DEBRIEFER THAT HE ONLY WANTED TO VISIT THE US AND THAT HE WANTS AND INTENDS TO SETTLE IN SPAIN, WHERE HE CAN MORE READILY SET UP A MEDICAL PRACTICE AND BE LESS NEWSWORTHY THAN WOULD BE THE CASE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE DEBRIEFER BELIEVES AMLASH-1 MEANT WHAT HE SAID.

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